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Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Abbott:

The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils requests an immediate meeting of the Learning Roundtable to discuss the proposed changes to the B.C. College of Teachers (BCCT).

When the Report of Fact Finder Don Avison was released in December, 2010, it became abundantly clear that the BCCT needed substantial change in order to function properly.

Meetings of the Learning Roundtable followed with Minister of Education Margaret MacDiarmid and the other education partner groups in December 2010 and February 2011 to discuss this report and our concerns. At these meetings we reviewed and discussed potential changes to rectify the dysfunction of the College.

Since that time, the Ministry has considered changes to the Teacher's Profession Act and is intending to introduce draft legislation to the Legislature this fall. We thank you for providing the opportunity to meet and review a summary of the proposed legislative changes during our meetings with you on August 19 and September 9, however, many of our questions and concerns still remain. From discussions with other partner groups, we understand that we are not alone in these concerns.

We feel that it would be productive to address the proposed legislative changes at a meeting of the Learning Roundtable. This will provide the opportunity for the Provincial Education Partners to hear one another's perspectives and gain a broad appreciation of the effects of the proposed legislation.

As this legislation will have significant impact on independent school teachers and schools we request that an invitation to attend this meeting of the Learning Roundtable is extended to the Federation of Independent School Associations of British Columbia.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, and thank you for your cooperation.

In partnership

Ann Whiteaker
BCCPAC President

cc: ABCDE, BCASBO, BCPVPA, BCSSA, BCSTA, BCTF, FNEC